

Stop! Read Carefully Each Ad in The Sun Before Making Christmas Purchases

The Opening Week's Program at the Y.M.C.A. Was a Great Success

WERE OVER 7,000 VISITORS

More than 200 Men and Boys
Enrolled--Blues Enroll
the Largest Number.

The membership enrollment for the opening week surpassed all expectations. Enthusiasm grew to such a point that what was scheduled to be only an enrollment became almost a campaign. More than 200 men and boys were enrolled on the sides of the Blues and Reds. The Blues having 85 and Blues 133, totaling 218 in all. Much credit is due Capt. W. H. Houston of the Blues and Capt. P. C. James of the Reds, together with their lieutenants and workers, for this fine result. The following are those who assisted as lieutenants and workers: W. H. Houston, captain Blues; C. H. Birch, H. W. Beck, P. O. Brown, Jas. A. Crews, C. H. Calloway, Theo. M. Clay, R. T. Coles, David Emery, A. E. Estes, W. H. B. Ford, W. Houston, R. C. Holland, Geo. Jones, R. P. Jackson, S. S. Kay, L. A. Knox, Dr. E. J. McCampbell, A. A. Moore, G. A. Page, A. V. Perry, T. B. Watkins, Rev. W. H. Peck, Scott Watson, Joe Butler, E. E. Vaughn, Thos. Greer and H. W. Miller. P. C. James, captain Reds; H. O. Cook, F. M. Christ-

C. A. All were deeply impressed by his message. Rabbi Mayer only made a few remarks as another engagement called him at the time he was scheduled for the program. On Wednesday night, Exhibition Night, between thirty and forty members of the physical department of the Central Association gave drills and setting up exercises and played various gymnasium games. They also gave an exhibition in expert swimming. The boys' band added much to the pleasure of this night. With all the apparatus in action at one time it looked as if a four ringed circus was in action. The physical director, Mr. A. W. Hardy, announces that he will begin making physical examinations Saturday, Dec. 5th. The gymnasium classes will begin on Monday, Dec. 7th. As usual, all who heard Dr. Silcox were highly elated over his message on the subject "The Moral Value of a Lofly Purpose". Although the doctor leaves the city for Canada in March he says he intends to keep in touch with the Association.



Captain of Reds.
CAPT. P. C. JAMES.

tion by paying part of the membership of two or three boys. Several other persons have spoken of doing likewise. It was left for the women to bring out the record breaking crowd, when between fourteen and fifteen hundred persons crowded the gymnasium to its fullest capacity to hear a most excellent program, consisting of papers by Mrs. Ida Lee, Mrs. Myrtle F. Todd, and Mrs. E. R. Vaughn; vocal solos by Mrs. Cora Lester, Mrs. Nellie Hendricks and Mrs. Perry Glass; piano solos by Miss Cora Carr and Miss Elsie Nix; remarks by Miss Anna H. Jones and Mrs. L. A. McCampbell, prayer, Mrs. Lucinda Day and music by the Ladies' Band. The program scheduled for Saturday night, Nov. 28th will be given Saturday, Dec. 5th. This will be membership night, when all the new and old members will get together for a real good time and an indoor baseball game between the Blues and Reds will be given. Several inspiring addresses will be given by the members. Rev. W. C. Williams and Rev. S. W. Bacote gave splendid talks at the Men's meeting Sunday, Nov. 29th. They attempted to impress the men with the responsibility that now rested on them and that the same kind of faith that had brought them up to the present would be necessary to finish up the good work so well begun. Two men at the close of the meeting made "forward steps". Monday, Nov. 30th was gala night for the boys; more than 200 of them crowded the boys' department. It was found necessary to carry them to the gymnasium for the fine program that had been prepared for them by Mr. R. M. Wisdom, Boy's Work secretary. Addresses were made by Messrs. H. O. Cook, Edw. Ross, J. W. Holbert and R. L. Flynn, Boy's Work secretary of the Central Association. He said it was one of the most interesting crowds of boys he had ever had the pleasure of addressing. The boys' band was in excellent trim. They gave a fine musical concert. The music furnished by the Western University Glee Club on Citizens' Night and by the Men's chorus on the two Sundays and Subscribers' Night added much to the success of this occasion. Prof. R. G. Jackson, who directed these organizations, gave much time and thought to bring about this condition.

A LITTLE TIMELY ADVICE.
THE HARRIS PRINTING CO.
WISHES TO ANNOUNCE THAT OWING TO THE WAR SITUATION, THERE IS A SCARCITY OF IMPORTED NOVELTIES IN STOCK AT OUR LOCAL PAPER HOUSES. HENCE THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO BE IN THE MARKET FOR HOLIDAY PRINTING WOULD DO WELL TO SELECT MATERIAL AND ORDER THE SAME AT ONCE.

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BUSINESS LEAGUE.
The Negro Business League will meet at League Headquarters, 1803 E. 18th St., Tuesday night, Dec. 8. Prof. J. Dallas Bowser will deliver a brief talk on "Business Co-operation." All members urged to be present.
F. J. WEAVER, Pres.

As to Race Segregation

The question often put to those who oppose segregation is this: "Why do Negroes object to associating with one another?" "Why do they seek to force themselves on white people?" The answer to this two-fold question is simple: Negroes do not object to associating with one another; Negroes do not seek to force themselves on white people. When Negroes assemble in any public place where white also assemble, they will invariably, if given free choice, segregate themselves. Let me instance our local Teachers' Institute.

That body consists of about eleven hundred teachers, about 10 per cent of whom are Negroes. A stranger visiting the institute would be struck by the fact that all the Negro teachers sit together, and would wonder, perhaps, if Jim Crowism prevails. Jim Crowism does not prevail, and is not even suggested. The Negro teachers have deliberately segregated themselves. They have selected a part of the hall where they invariably sit, and they show no inclination whatever either to get away from themselves or to force themselves on anybody. Yet those same teachers would warmly resent any effort from an external source to segregate them.

As a matter of fact a few years ago such an effort was made, when a committee of white principals brought in a report requesting that "the white teachers sit where they please, all Negro teachers sit in Section D." Now Section D is much better situated for seeing and hearing than the seats where the Negro teachers sit, but the Negroes were highly indignant at the report and refused to be segregated. Only one teacher ever did go down to occupy Section D. And so the questions which really came up for solution are these: (1) "Why will Negroes, if left to a free choice invariably segregate themselves?" and (2) "Why will they invariably resent forcible segregation?" The answers to these questions reflect fundamental aspects of human nature, and the one phenomenon is as natural as the other.

Prof. Franklin H. Giddings, the sociologist has theorized intelligently and convincingly as to the psychic bases of the group, and he argues that individuals tend to group themselves together on the basis of "consciousness of kind" or "like-mindedness." This simple principle is ably elaborated by him in his works on sociology, and largely accounts for a great many groups both large and small. It accounts for the fact that Negroes and others segregate themselves naturally. It also leaves inference very clear that if the ardent segregationists would only exercise a little scientific sense, and would intelligently acquaint themselves with the psychic laws underlying human behavior, without being so anxious to remake and improve the universe, many of these questions would work themselves out naturally and normally.

Now, while Negroes will freely and willingly segregate themselves, on account of "consciousness of kind," personal friendships, or community of interests they nevertheless do not like to have segregation forced upon them. This is not because they do not like to be together, nor yet because they desire to force themselves on anybody. It is because of a condition as old as humanity itself--namely, the tendency to resent an insult.

Negroes profoundly sense the fact that far more is involved in involuntary segregation than the mere matter of keeping the two races apart. It involves the assumption of superiority on the part of the group trying to enforce segregation, and requires the other group to acquiesce in the doctrine of its own inferiority. This acknowledgment no considerable group

will make; and this without regard to any consideration of race. It is true and valid as regards all races. The average individual will not admit and it is too much to expect him to admit that another individual is naturally and racially his superior, without regard to education, morals, or economic status.

So the resistance to forcible and involuntary segregation is based on a fundamental aspect of human nature, and will so remain as long as a vestige of proper pride inspires and illumines the human heart. Not the segregation itself, but the applications that go along with it--that is what all men in all climes always will resent. And this resentment is in no way weakened by the fact that the same individuals if left alone would naturally and voluntarily segregate themselves. Those who believe that some people are superior to others on purely racial grounds, without regard to merit or demerit, sin or virtue, character or intellect, they are perfectly consistent in advocating segregation. But those who accept the larger ideal of the brotherhood of man and have faith in the power of education, morality and religion, through evolution, to lift all men up, they regard segregation as being trivial, servile, senseless and unworthy.

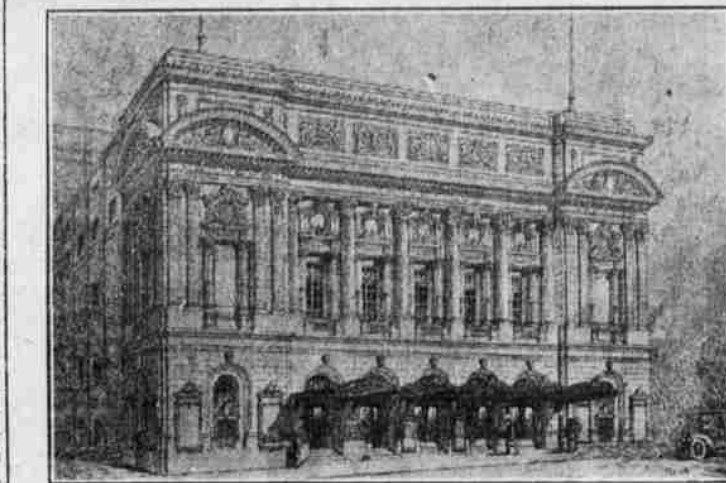
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CHIEF SAM'S SHIP SUNK.

It may interest the friends of Chief Sam to learn that his ship "The Liberia," was sunk by the German cruiser "Emden" in the Indian Ocean in the early part of October, with sixty souls aboard, while en route to the gold coast and flying the British flag. The Weekly News of Sierra Leone gives quite an interesting account of the tragedy.

JOHN E. BRUCE.

Yonkers, N. Y., Nov. 24.

THE ORPHAN'S HOME.

The management of the home for orphan and destitute children, 1406 Vine street, is very grateful for the following donations: A generous Thanksgiving dinner from a club of young colored men; pantry supplies from Ebenezer A. M. E. church, Rev. W. C. Williams pastor, and Douglas school, wood, meat and potatoes from Dr. Clark; chicken from Mrs. Powell; bread from Mr. Henry Compton; Meadames Kingsberry, Schrader, Cessney, Hoffman and Lynch of Peck's Mite Missionary Society of Allen chapel met at the home of Mrs. Melissa French, 1315 Michigan avenue and gave a day's sewing to the Home.

MRS. MARION HOWARD, Secy.

FIELD HOUSE PIANO.

The Hallet & Davis \$350 piano bought September 1 with discount of \$105 on advertising and good will. Cash donations paid by the following named persons and organizations: R. E. L. Bailey, \$10; Ivanhoe club, \$5; Teachers class in P. S., \$4.50; Meadames B. M. Weaver, Corrine Smith, Anna Hickum, Tillie Rummous, Roscoe White, Alamo club, Crescent club, Casson Flower club, \$1 each and fifty cents from the Lincoln high school freshman class, making a total of \$28 paid and leaving a balance of \$217 payable \$5 per month. The above represents every penny that has been contributed on the payment of the piano to date. I solicit a statement and challenge anyone to show that this report is not true.

R. E. L. BAILEY.

December 3, 1914.

Missouri is having its marriage laws revised, and a St. Joseph club woman is trying to have a provision inserted requiring all couples desiring to be married to have at least \$200 before a license will be granted.

Washington Sun.

How is that, Mrs. Walker, ain't they making good in St. Jo?



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AN INTERESTING LETTER.

Hon. Nelson C. Crews,

My Dear Grand Master: I received a copy of the Sun containing the account of your recent wedding, also your letter, and they did my heart good. The little token I sent was simply a slight appreciation of the love and respect I have for you and your wife, both of whose families I have known for forty years. Let me tell you a little story: When I was married many years ago it cost me fifty cents. My mother-in-law gave us a half-dozen young chickens but no rooster; I bought a rooster on credit and paid for it by splitting cord wood.

His First Home.

My first home I built in two days out of timber I cut myself so you can imagine the kind of abouse that I had. No floor, no windows, only a log left out for a window to let the light in. The roof covered with brush and on top of that a layer of dirt and

yet, believe me, dear Crews, we were really happy. But as you can see the young people of today with their opportunities have a bright future. I could not at that time write my name nor know it if I saw it written, but thank God, time, patience and perseverance have brought their reward.

Give my regards to the men of No. 66 K. of P. No better nor grander body of men live than they and I hope they will succeed. I am sending you

A New Photo
of Boone and myself after thirty-five long years together, with cuts of a number of churches we have played recently. We are in the town of your old friend and mine, Alexander Clark, a more brilliant man of our race or Mason never lived than he. I was Grand Junior Warden under his administration forty-two years ago. How many changes have taken place since that day.

With best wishes, I remain,
Your friend and brother,
JOHN LANGE.

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NELSON C. CREWS, Editor and Owner.
WILLA M. GLENN, Manager and Notary Public.

ANNOUNCEMENT.
Miss Georgia Coleman desires to announce that she has had installed a Bell telephone, East 600, for the convenience of her customers, in her sewing rooms at 1510 E. 18th street.

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Sunday School Campaign under the auspices of the Combined Methodist Churches of Kansas City, beginning Monday December 14--ending Sunday December 20. See to it that you and your family attend Sunday School Sunday December 20.

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

BAZAAR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

Under the Auspices of Baptist Relief Workers.

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